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| SUBJECT   | REDTOP/LCIMPROVE/CAFUNCTION<br>Foreign Citizens in Soviet Punitive Camp |                               | MICROFILM                                 |
| ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES  |   |                               |   |
| <p>1. The attached Befra reports pertain to Soviet punitive camps in the USSR and foreign citizens (West German, British, Israeli) imprisoned in Camp Number 385/5 near Potma. <input type="checkbox"/> who was assigned the job of translating the reports from German into English, later noticed the 15 February 1969 edition of "Abendpost" which contains an article, also attached, on the exchange of Soviet spy Heinz FELFE, a former senior officer of the BND, for German citizens Peter SONNTAG, Volker SCHAFFHAUSER, and Walter NAUMANN. The SONNTAG, SCHAFFHAUSER, and NAUMANN named in Befra Report No. 138475 are probably identical with the men of the same name in the "Abendpost" article.</p> <p>2. Befra Report No. 138038, from a different source but reporting on the same camp (385/5), states that five West Germans and two other prisoners were given a special course of instruction in Saransk in February, March, and April 1968, during which they were subjected to KGB recruitment attempts. Upon their return to Camp 385/5, according to the source, three of the Germans stated they had refused the recruitment approach, thus lessening their chances for an early release, but the other prisoners said nothing about the "training course".</p> <p>3. In March 1969, during an interview on West German television, SONNTAG, SCHAFFHAUSER, and NAUMANN were asked by one reporter if any attempt had been made by the Soviets "to turn them around". They denied that any attempt had been made and stated that it would not be logical for the Soviets to attempt it since, as ex-prisoners who were tried by the Soviets for espionage, they would be too well known to be of any value to anyone in any clandestine activity.</p> |   |                               |   |
| <p>Attachments: HERewith<br/>Befra Reports and translations<br/>Newspaper article</p> <p>Distribution:<br/>2 - C/SB w/atts.<br/>4 - C/EUR w/o atts.<br/>2 - <input type="checkbox"/> w/o atts. <input type="checkbox"/> w/o atts. <b>CS COPY</b></p> <p><i>3 atts. 12w- <input type="checkbox"/> w/o atts.</i></p> <p><i>12 /Continued, <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/><br/>Heinz FELFE (information concerning<br/>subject and students traded for him)</i></p>  |   |                               |   |
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| <p>4. We have passed to Herr Adams of CATUSK copies of the attached Befra reports as well as a copy of the newspaper article.</p> <p>5. The information in the attached reports on the Soviet punitive camps in the Potma area may be of some interest to Headquarters. In addition, Headquarters may wish to pass to the appropriate services the information reported herein on their respective imprisoned citizens (BROOK, KOGON).</p> <p>APPROVED:    </p> |                                      |  |
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